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Revision of Economic Intelligence Statistical Handbook

We would like to suggest one addition to the Handbook and that certain data be coordinated with us before its inclusion.

With regard to the first point: it now seems feasible to include estimated Soviet military expenditures in a manner that permits comparison with the announced budgetary category Defense.

On the second point: we think it desirable to coordinate certain other estimates with us to ensure that multiple estimates for single items are not being given currency. Those we have in mind for this procedure are: Table 2 Defense as an end use share of GMP

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